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Edward J. McElroy, Treasurer
American Federation of Teachers
Committee on Political Education
555 New Jersey Avenue N W
Washington, DC 20001

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Reference:

July Quarterly Report (4/1/00-6/30/00)

Dear Mr. McElroy:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule B of your report (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses a contribution(s) which appears to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(a) precludes a multicandidate committee and its affiliates from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election.

If the contribution(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. If you have made an excessive contribution, you should notify the recipient and request a refund of the amount in excess of \$5,000 and/or notify the recipient in writing of your redesignation of the contribution. In the best interest of your committee, all refunds and redesignations should be made within sixty days of the treasurer's receipt of the contribution(s).

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memoentries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. 11 CFR §110.1(b)

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

-Line 23 of the Detailed Summary Page of your report discloses a total of \$323,800 in contributions to federal candidates/committees and other political committees. The sum of the entries itemized on Schedule B, however, indicates the total to be \$348,300. Please amend your report to clarify the discrepancy.

-Please provide a Schedule C or D, as appropriate, to support the entry of \$1,400 reported on Line 9 of the Summary Page. Loans and debts must be continuously reported until they are either repaid or settled. 11 CFR \$104.3(d)

-Your report discloses a loan repayment on Schedule A from the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers Local #3, which has not been recorded on Schedule C. Loans and loan repayments received must be reflected on Schedule C as well as on Schedule A. Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy. 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(3)(E) and (5)(D)

-The total listed on Line 23, Column B of the Detailed Summary Page appears to be incorrect. Please be advised that you should add the "Calendar Year-to-Date" total from your previous report to the current "Total This Period" figure from Column A to derive the correct Column B total. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

Edward D. Ryan

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